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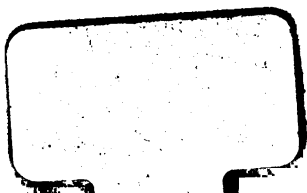
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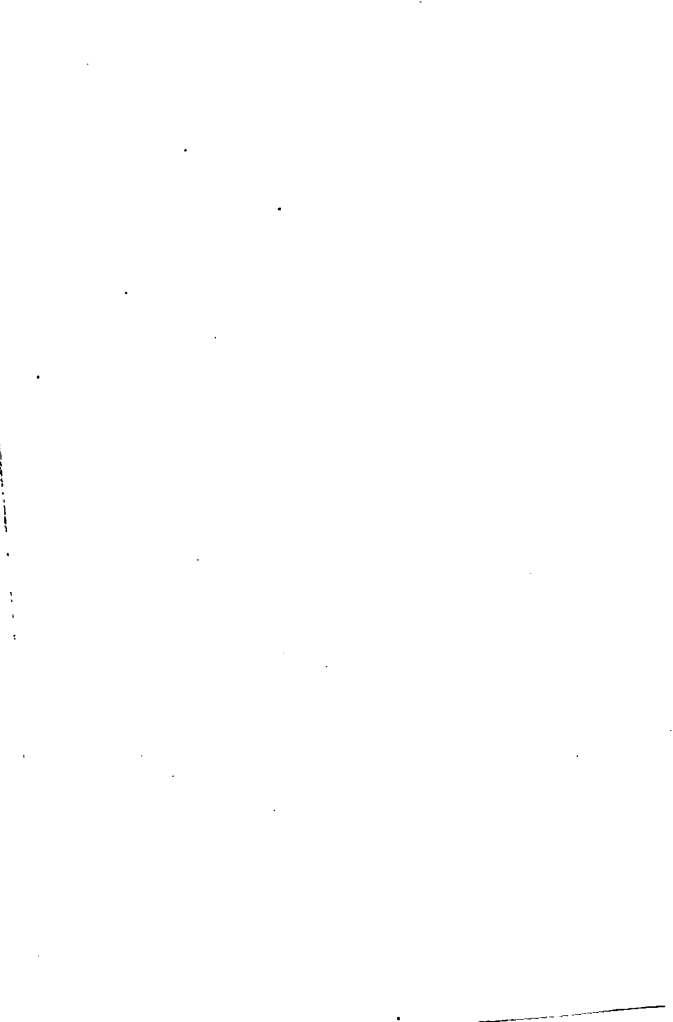
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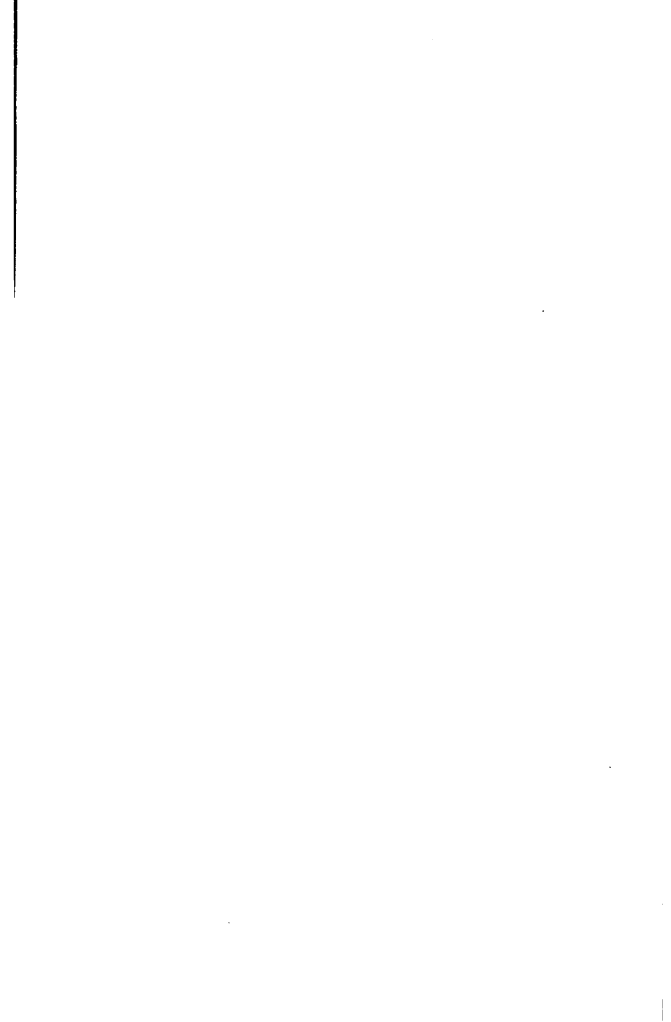


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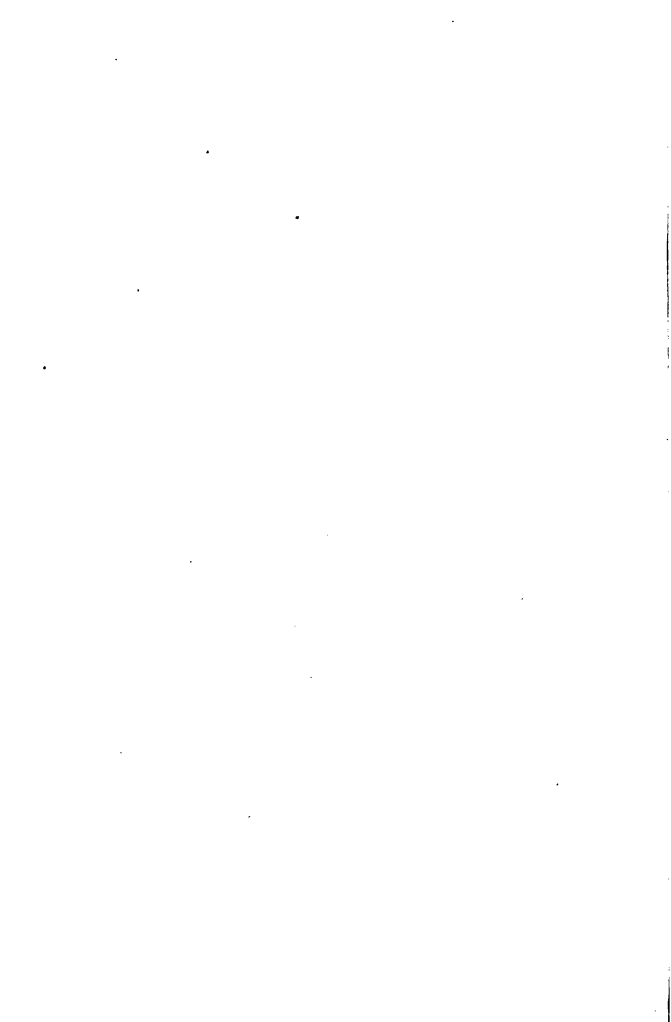
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**AN ACT FOR THE INCORPORATION OF SOCIETIES OR CLUBS  
FOR CERTAIN SOCIAL AND RECREATIVE PURPOSES,  
BEING CHAPTER 368 OF THE SESSION LAWS OF 1865, AS  
AMENDED TO DATE.**

**SECTION 1.** Any five or more persons of full age, citizens of the United States, a majority of whom shall be also citizens of this State, who shall desire to associate themselves for social, temperance, benefit, gymnastic, athletic, military drill, musical, yachting, hunting, fishing, batting, or lawful sporting purposes, may make, sign and acknowledge before any officer authorized to take the acknowledgment of deeds in this State, and file in the office of the Secretary of State, and also in the office of the Clerk of the County in which the office of such society shall be situated, a certificate in writing, in which shall be stated the name or title by which such society shall be known in law, the particular business and object of such society, the number of trustees, directors or managers to manage the same, and the names of the trustees, directors or managers for the first year of its existence, but such certificate shall not be filed, unless by the written consent and approbation of one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the district in which the principal office of such company or association shall be located, to be indorsed on such certificate ;

Conditions precedent to filing a certificate and becoming a corporation.

but nothing in this Act contained shall authorize the incorporation of any society or club for any purpose, repugnant to any statute of this State, or prohibited thereby.

§ 2. Upon filing a certificate as aforesaid, the persons who shall have signed and acknowledged such certificate, and their associates and successors, shall thereupon, by virtue of this Act, be a body politic and corporate by the name stated in such certificate, and by that name they and their successors shall and may have succession, and shall be persons in law capable of suing and being sued ; and they and their successors may have and use a common seal, and may alter and change the same at pleasure ; and they and their successors by their corporate name shall, in law, be capable of taking, receiving, purchasing, leasing and holding real estate for the purposes of their incorporation, and for no other purpose, to an amount not exceeding the sum of five hundred thousand dollars in value, exclusive of the buildings and improvements thereon, and personal estate for like purposes, to an amount not exceeding the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in value, exclusive of the buildings and improvements on its said real estate and the furnishing of its club-house, but the clear annual income of such real and personal estate shall not exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars; to make and adopt a constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations for

Powers of Corporation.

Amount of property corporation may hold.

Amount of income not to be exceeded.

the government of said corporation, and for the admission, voluntary withdrawal, censure, suspension, and expulsion of its members, for the establishing and collection of the fees and dues of its members, the number and election of its officers, and to define their duties and compensation, and for the safe-keeping of its property, and from time to time to alter, modify or change such constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations, provided, however, that no constitution, by-laws, rules or regulations shall be made or adopted by said corporation which shall be inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the United States or this State. The by-laws of any society or club for yachting purposes may provide that the qualified voters of such society or club be limited to the owners of yachts, in such manner that the owners of each yacht shall, together, cast but one vote in the meetings of such society or club, and in the election of its officers, trustees, directors or managers.

§ 3. The society so incorporated may elect, from its members, its trustees, directors or managers ; and the trustees, directors or managers so elected

Trustees : How  
and when chosen.

may divide the whole number of trustees, directors or managers into classes, so that not less than one-fourth of their number shall be elected annually, after the first organization of any board of such trustees, directors or managers. Such elections may be held at such time and place, and in such manner as may be specified in the by-laws ; and such board shall have the

control and management of the affairs and funds of said society, a majority of whom shall be a  
**Quorum.** quorum for the transaction of business;  
and whenever any vacancy shall happen among such  
**Vacancies.** trustees, directors or managers, by death, resignation or neglect to serve, such vacancy shall be filled in such manner as shall be provided by the by-laws of such society.

The number of trustees in any corporation organized under this Act may be increased to not more than  
**Increase of Trustees, etc.** thirteen or diminished to not less than three, as follows : The existing trustees of any such corporation, or a majority of them, shall make and sign a certificate declaring how many trustees the corporation shall thereafter have, and stating the names of such trustees for the present time, which certificate shall be acknowledged by the trustees signing the same or proved by a subscribing witness, and shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of the County where the original certificate of incorporation was filed, and a duplicate or transcript thereof duly certified under the official seal of such clerk, filed in the office of the Secretary of State ; and from and after the filing of such certificate and duplicate or transcript, the trustees of such corporation shall be deemed increased to the number therein stated, and the persons so named therein shall be trustees until a new election of trustees shall be had according to the said Act, and the constitution, by-laws or regulations of such corporation.



§ 4. In case it shall at any time happen that an election of trustees, directors or managers shall not be made on the day designated by the by-laws, said society, for that cause, shall not be dissolved, but it shall and may be lawful on any other day to hold an election for trustees, directors or managers, in such manner as may be directed by the by-laws of such society.

§ 5. The provisions of this Act shall not extend or apply to any association or individuals who shall, in the certificate filed with the Secretary of State, or with the County Clerk, use or specify a name or style the same as that of any previously existing incorporated society in this State.

Name not to be the same as that of any previous corporation.

§ 6. Any corporation formed under this Act, shall be capable of taking, holding or receiving any property, real or personal, by virtue of any devise or bequest contained in any last will or testament of any person whatsoever, the clear annual income of which devise or bequest shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars ; provided no person leaving a wife, or child, or parent, shall devise or bequeath to such institution or corporation more than one-fourth of his or her estate after payment of his or her debts, and such devise or bequest shall be valid to the extent of such one-fourth, and no such devise or bequest shall be valid in any will which shall not have been made and executed at least two months before the death of the testator.

In what case corporation may take property by will.

§ 7. The trustees of any company or corporation organized under the provisions of this Act, shall be jointly and severally liable for all debts due from said company or corporation, contracted while they are trustees, provided said debts are payable within one year from the time they shall have been contracted, and provided a suit for the collection of the same shall be brought within one year after the debt shall become due and payable.

When Trustees to be individually liable.

§ 8. All institutions formed under this Act, together with their books and vouchers, shall be subject to the visitation and inspection of the Justices of the Supreme Court, or by any person or persons who shall be appointed by the Supreme Court for that purpose ; and it shall be the duty of the trustees, or a majority of them, in the month of December in each year, to make and file in the County Clerk's office where the original certificate is filed, a certificate under their hands, stating the names of the trustees and officers of such association or corporation, with an inventory of the property, effects and liabilities thereof, with an affidavit of the truth of such certificate and inventory, and also an affidavit that such association or corporation has not been engaged, directly or indirectly, in any other business than such as is set forth in the original certificate on file.

Visitation and inspection of books etc.

Certificate to be filed in County Clerk's office.

§ 9. Each corporation formed under this Act shall possess the general powers conferred by, and be subject to the provisions and restrictions of the third title, of the eighteenth chapter, of the first part of the Revised Statutes (except that each corporation so formed shall have the power to issue its stocks and bonds, or either to an amount equal to the value of its real estate, provided, however, that prior to any such issue the value of said real estate shall be appraised on oath by three freeholders of the county in which such real estate is situated, approved by the County Judge, and their appraisal filed in the County Clerk's office, and in the principal office of said corporation, and for all issued in excess of said appraised value the officers, trustees, directors or managers issuing the same shall be jointly and severally liable.)

§ 10. The Legislature may at any time amend, annul or repeal any incorporation formed or created under this Act.

§ 11. This Act shall take effect immediately.

**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MORTGAGING OF REAL ESTATE  
OF CERTAIN SOCIETIES AND CORPORATIONS ; BEING  
CHAPTER 629 OF THE SESSION LAWS OF 1869.**

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for the Supreme Court of this State, upon the application of any society, association or corporation, now incorporated or hereafter incorporated under and by virtue of the Act entitled "An Act for the incorporation of societies or clubs for certain social and recreative purposes," passed April eleven, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and the Acts amendatory thereof, in case it shall deem it proper, to make an order for the mortgaging of any real estate belonging to any such corporation and to direct the application of the moneys arising therefrom by the said corporation ; and upon like application may confirm any bond or mortgage heretofore given by any such corporation, and thereupon such bond and mortgage shall be a legal obligation and a valid lien upon the premises covered thereby from the date of record thereof.

§ 2. This Act shall take effect immediately.

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# CONSTITUTION.

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## ARTICLE I.

### NAME.

The Club adopting this Constitution is THE GENTLEMEN'S RIDING CLUB, incorporated January 18th, 1883.

## ARTICLE II.

### GOVERNMENT.

The government of the Club is confided to a Board of Managers, consisting of thirteen of its members, known as the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE III.

### ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1. The Executive Committee shall be elected by ballot at each annual meeting of the Club. Any vacancy occurring during the interval shall be filled by a

majority vote of the Executive Committee. In case of failure to elect from any cause whatever, the Committee shall hold over until an election shall be had. In case of a tie in the balloting for any candidate, a new election shall be called to decide the same.

2. No member shall be eligible for election to the Executive Committee unless his name shall have been posted as a candidate in a conspicuous place in the Club-House for at least ten days before the election.

3. Any member of the Executive Committee who shall absent himself from three consecutive regular meetings, unless he shall have previously obtained permission so to do from the Committee, or shall present at the next regular meeting an excuse for his absence satisfactory to every member of the Committee present, shall cease to be a member of the Committee.

## ARTICLE IV.

### POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1. The Executive Committee is authorized to select from its own body the President, Secretary, and Treasurer who shall hold office until the next annual meeting, or until others shall be elected.

2. They have power to admit, expel, or suspend members by ballot.

3. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of seven of its members.

4. In order to suspend or expel a member it shall require the affirmative votes of at least ten members of the Executive Committee if eleven or more members are present at the meeting, and if less than eleven are present then it shall require the affirmative votes of all but one of those present.

5. To make such rules for use of the Club-House, Ring and Stable as shall in their judgment be for the best interests of the Club.

6. To remit penalties for offenses against the rules, and for accidental vio- Provision 6. Art. 4.  
lations of the Constitution.

## ARTICLE V.

### MEMBERSHIP.

1. The members of this Club shall consist of all the members of "The Gentlemen's Riding Club" prior to January 22, 1883, and those elected subsequent to that date, who shall duly pay the initiation fee and the current annual dues. If such payment is not made within thirty days after notice of election shall have been given either to the proposer or the seconder of the candidate the election shall be void.

2. Candidates for membership must be proposed and seconded by two members in their own handwriting, in a book kept for that purpose, at least ten days previous to the meeting of the Executive Committee, and their names posted in a conspicuous place in the Club-House for the same length of time.

## ARTICLE VI.

### MEETINGS OF THE CLUB.

There shall be an annual meeting of the Club on the second Monday in May, a quorum of which, or of any meeting of the Club, shall consist of nine members.

1. If no quorum be present, the presiding officer shall adjourn the meeting until another day within three weeks.

2. Upon the written request of twenty-five members, the Executive Committee shall call a special meeting to consider a specific subject.

3. Special meetings may be called by order of the President or of the Executive Committee, and at least seven days notice thereof shall be given.

## ARTICLE VII.

### DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. **PRESIDENT.**—The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and Executive Committee, and in the event of his absence a presiding officer shall be chosen.

2. **SECRETARY.**—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep minutes of meetings of the Club and Executive Committee.



3. **TREASURER.**—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to have charge of the funds of the Club and to make a report at the annual meeting of its finances.

## ARTICLE VIII.

The number of members shall not exceed two hundred and fifty. There may also be not to exceed two honorary members of the Club.

## ARTICLE IX.

1. The fiscal year shall commence May 1st, and the annual dues, except to honorary members, shall be one hundred dollars, payable in advance on the first day of May in each and every year. Members elected after November first in any year shall pay but fifty dollars dues for the remaining half of the year.

2. Members elected after May 1st, 1883, shall, in addition to the annual dues of one hundred dollars, pay an initiation fee of one hundred dollars.

## AMENDMENTS AND ALTERATIONS.

Amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws may be made at any meeting of the Club, annual or special, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided the notice hereinafter required has been given.

Notice of proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be furnished to the Secretary at least fifteen days before the meeting at which it is proposed to consider them ; and the Secretary shall cause the same to be posted in the Club-House, and printed and distributed to members seven days before the meeting.



## BY-LAWS.

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### ELECTIONS BY THE COMMITTEE.

1. A quorum of the Executive Committee present at a meeting of the same, shall have power to ballot for the election of a candidate for membership. Two adverse ballots shall exclude.

2. A second ballot, upon the election of a proposed member shall be taken at any time before the adjournment of a meeting, upon the motion of a single member of the Committee; but after the meeting a rejected candidate shall not, within six months, be again balloted for.

No member of the Committee shall propose or second a candidate for membership of the Club.

Candidates whose names shall have been laid over at two successive meetings shall not again be balloted for until after the names succeeding theirs on the list shall have been elected or rejected.

Any person having resigned from the Club, and being again proposed for membership, shall be balloted for before any other candidate.

#### GOVERNMENT.

In no case when a resolution has been passed at a meeting of the Committee affecting the relations of a member of the Club, towards the Club, shall such resolution be reviewed, acted upon or rescinded at a subsequent meeting, without notice in writing being sent by the Secretary to each member of the Committee, at least ten days before the meeting, that such previous action will be brought up for review or reconsideration.

#### INDEBTEDNESS TO CLUB.

A notice shall be sent as soon as practicable after the first day of each month, and not later than the fifteenth day of the month, to each member who shall have become indebted to the Club for the preceding month.

#### PENALTIES.

1. Any member who shall fail to pay an amount due the Club (except the yearly dues) for thirty days after personal service of a notice of the indebtedness and a request to pay the same, shall, upon the facts being

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presented to the Executive Committee, cease to be a member, subject to the provisions of Section 6, Art. IV.

2. Any member who shall fail to pay the yearly dues for one month after the first day of May shall cease to be a member, subject to the provisions of Section 6, Article IV.

#### COMPLAINTS.

Complaints of any deficiency in the service of the Club, of overcharges, mischarges, mistakes or defects, must be made in writing to the Executive Committee.

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RULE 1.—The wives, minor sons, unmarried daughters and sisters only of members are granted the privileges of the Club, but on application of any member an invitation may be issued by the Executive Committee to a lady, for a period not exceeding two weeks, which can be renewed at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

RULE 2.—No one shall be allowed to ride in the ring except members *and employees of Club*, and those to whom Rule 1 applies.

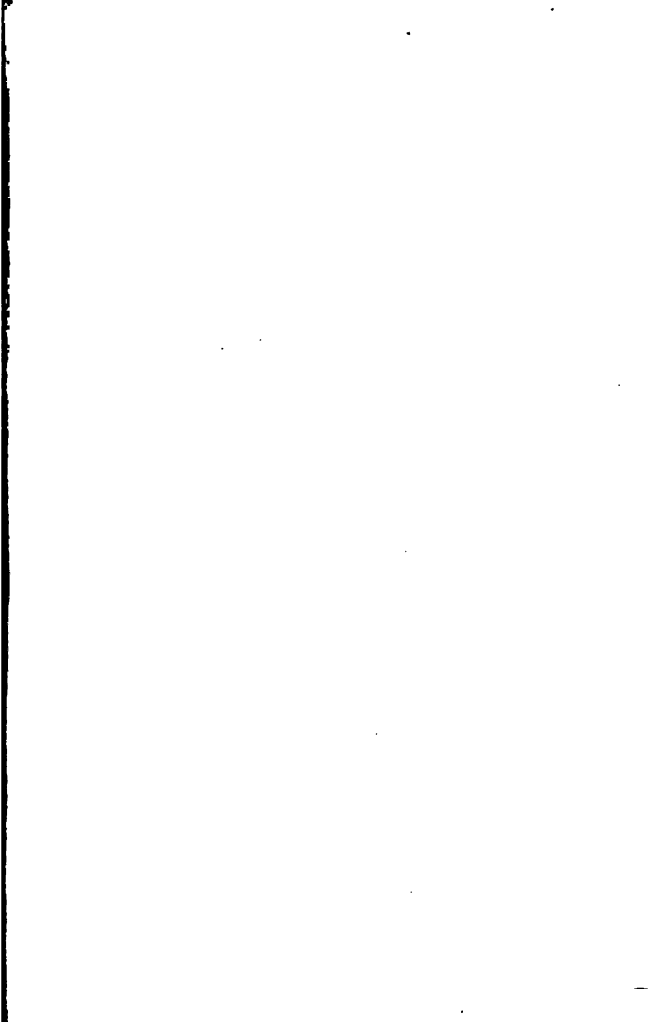
**RULE 3.**—Visitors may be introduced to the Club-House by a member for the day. Their names must be registered in a book kept for that purpose, with the name of the introducer opposite, who shall be responsible for them.

**RULE 4.**—No children under fourteen years of age shall be allowed in the Ring after 4:30 o'clock, P. M.

**RULE 5.**—The employees of the Club are strictly forbidden to receive fees of any kind.

Publications belonging to the Club must not be taken from it, nor must filed newspapers be removed from the rooms to which they belong.

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